
Introduced by Senator Alarcon

February 23, 1999

An act to add Chapter 9.5 (commencing with Section 19820) to Part 2 of Division 10 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to disabled persons, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 569, as introduced, Alarcon. Employment of persons with disabilities.

Existing law creates various employment programs for persons with disabilities under the jurisdiction of the Department of Rehabilitation.

This bill would require the department to allocate funds to Jewish Vocational Services, Inc. in Los Angeles, for operation of an preemployment program for persons with disabilities.

This bill would appropriate \$115,000 from the General Fund to the department for allocation to Jewish Vocational Services, Inc. for startup costs and first-year implementation of the program.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 9.5 (commencing with Section
- 2 19820) is added to Part 2 of Division 10 of the Welfare and
- 3 Institutions Code, to read:
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CHAPTER 9.5. PREEMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FOR PERSONS
WITH DISABILITIES

19820. (a) The department shall allocate funding pursuant to this chapter to Jewish Vocational Services, Inc. in Los Angeles in order to establish a preemployment program for adults with developmental, physical, and emotional disabilities, which shall be operated at its adult day center. The program shall operate in conjunction with the adult day center's occupational therapy programs, enrichment activities, and senior services. The program shall serve not more than 25 clients annually.

(b) The program shall serve adults with one or more disabilities who express a desire to increase their daily living skills to a level that will enable them to obtain community-based employment and who can benefit from a structured program outside their home environment.

19821. (a) The three primary components of the program established pursuant to this chapter shall be daily living skills instruction, prevocational training, and preemployment preparation. A certified vocational evaluator and an occupational therapist, in consultation with the client, family members, or advocates shall determine the component into which a client shall enter the program.

(b) Clients who are assessed as having adequate daily living skills or who satisfactorily complete this component shall, if interested in community-based employment, receive prevocational training. Clients who successfully complete the prevocational component shall be eligible to receive preemployment preparation training. Clients in the preemployment preparation component shall be assisted in formulating and achieving a vocational action plan, as well as obtaining the vocational skills necessary for its achievement.

SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated the sum of one hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$115,000) from the General Fund to the Department of Rehabilitation for allocation to Jewish Vocational Services, Inc. in Los

1 Angeles, for startup costs and first-year implementation
2 of Chapter 9.5 (commencing with Section 19820) of Part
3 2 of Division 10 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

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